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***Media Advisory***  
***SAPD TO PRESENT "CITIZEN HERO AWARD" TO***  
***3 CITY WORKERS***

**Who:** Chief William McManus

**When:** Thursday, May 3<sup>d</sup>  
5:00 PM

**Where:** City Council Chambers  
Municipal Plaza Building  
103 S. Main Ave.

San Antonio Police Chief William McManus will honor 3 local heroes for their actions during a harrowing incident involving a 15-year-old.

Three City of San Antonio sanitation workers, Esteban Aguirre, Hector Villanueva, and Joe Mendez, heroically sprung into action to comfort a young lady and capture a suspect.

On Monday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, a 15-year-old girl was walking when a man pulled up next to her in his vehicle. The man spoke to her and pulled up close enough for the girl to see he was exposed. The 15-year-old started to walk away from the man when he got out of his vehicle and grabbed her. The 15-year-old pushed the man away and ran. She waved down 3 men in a sanitation truck collecting garbage and told them what happened. Two of them stayed with her and one drove to look for the man. While she was being comforted by the 2 sanitation workers, she saw the man drive by and she yelled and pointed him out. The 2 workers stopped the vehicle, turned it off, pulled the man out and detained him for police.

For this, Aguirre, Villanueva, and Mendez will be presented with an award recognizing their heroic and selfless acts.

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